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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NASA AIRCRAFT

1. SUMMARY: NASA AND THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOS-
PHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) PLAN JOINT AIRBORNE HURRICANE
RESEARCH STUDIES DURING PERIOD BETWEEN 20 AUGUST - 4
OCTOBER. ACTUAL DEPLOYMENT OF NASA 712/CV-990 AIRCRAFT
REQUIRED ONLY IF ALERTED OF HURRICANE DEVELOPMENT OVER
INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF GULF OF MEXICO, CARIBBEAN, AND
ATLANTIC OCEAN. REQUEST AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO LAND
AND STAGE FROM BERMUDA IF NECESSARY.
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2. PROJECT SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES TO COLLECT BACKGROUND DATA ON HURRICANES IN SUPPORT OF NOAA AND TO DEVELOP AND EVALUATE REMOTE SENSING OF HURRICANES AND HIGH SEA STATES IN SUPPORT FORTHCOMING NASA SEASAT-A SATELLITE.

3. AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENTATION INCLUDES: SCANNING MULTI-CHANNEL MICROWAVE RADIOMETER, IMAGING MICROWAVE AND INFRARED RADIOMETERS, IMAGING AND NON-IMAGING RADARS, CLOUD AND AIR SAMPLING PROBES AND ANALYZERS, AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERAS.

4. FLIGHT SCHEDULES WILL DEPEND ON HURRICANE OCCUR-RENCE AND LOCATION. CREW MAY RECEIVE AS LITTLE 2-3 HOURS NOTICE. MAIN BASE OF AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS WILL BE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, U.S.A. HOWEVER, MAY BE NECESSARY REFUEL AND OPERATE SHORT PERIODS PUERTO RICO AND U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION, BERMUDA. PILOTS WILL FILE NORMAL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLANS.

5. RESEARCH RESULTS WILL BE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

6. AIRCRAFT IS NASA OWNED AND OPERATED PUBLIC LAW CV-990; CALL NUMBER NASA 712; REGISTRATION NUMBER N712NA.

7. APPROX 30 PEOPLE WILL ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT. ALL U.S. CITIZENS, EXCEPT LEBANESE NATIONAL, DR. CHARLES ELACHI, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FOR RADAR EXPERIMENTS AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE NASA CONTRACTOR, JET PROPULSION LABORATORY, CALIFORNIA.

8. INTERESTED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES/SCIENTISTS WELCOME TO INSPECT AIRCRAFT AND DISCUSS MISSION OBJECTIVES.

9. PLEASE OBTAIN NECESSARY OVERFLIGHT, LANDING, AND STAGING CLEARANCES. ROBINSON

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